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TAGS: PINR, PDIP, SZ, RP
SUBJECT: ROLANDO GARCIA, PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR TO SWITZERLAND

REF: BERN 760

1. ROLANDO A. GARCIA WAS NAMED PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR TO SWITZERLAND IN OCTOBER 1977. HE HAD BEEN SERVING AS THE HOME OFFICE AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS.

2. GARCIA WAS BORN APRIL 27, 1915, IN SANTA ROSA, NUEVA ECIJA, A RURAL PROVINCE TWO OR THREE HOURS DRIVE NORTH OF MANILA. HE RECEIVED A LAW DEGREE FROM FAR EASTERN UNIVERSITY OF MANILA IN 1947. GARCIA WORKED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR TWO YEARS BEFORE JOINING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN 1949. HE HELD SEVERAL ASSIGNMENTS IN THE HOME OFFICE BEFORE BEING ASSIGNED TO BERN IN 1967. HE SERVED AS MINISTER COUNSELOR AND CHARGE D' AFFAIRES IN BERN UNTIL 1972, WHEN HE WAS NAMED ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS.

3. GARCIA'S JOB AS HEAD CONSULAR AFFAIRS INCREASED IN IMPORTANCE AFTER MARTIAL LAW WAS DECLARED IN SEPTEMBER 1972, SINCE HIS OFFICE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROCESSING EXIT PERMITS FOR FILIPINOS TRAVELING OVERSEAS. GARCIA PLAYED A
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CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN VIETNAMESE REFUGEE BOAT CASES. HE IMPRESSED EMBOFFS AS AN AMIABLE AND HONEST MAN WHO WAS ANXIOUS TO RECEIVE A EUROPEAN POST.

4. GARCIA IS MARRIED.
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